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WHY NOT REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE

Co-Operative Effort in Properly Showing Off Bryan County's Resources Would Have Good Effect Upon Land Buyers.

The idea of a Real Estate Exchange, such as many of the cities in the older States have, has been suggested for Durant, and would without doubt be worth to the county and the city what effort would be required to organize and equip such an institution.

The plan is that of procuring quarters on the principal street, past which all persons coming into the city must go on their way to the hotels and up town. The building would be profusely decorated and filled with exhibits of the various farms or other products of the county and its resources would be on hand. Some one employed by the real estate men would be on hand at all times to answer questions and furnish any desired information, and visitors desiring to look at a farm as well as persons wishing to sell their property, could leave a memorandum of their wants at the exchange.

The advertising value of such an institution would be doubly great and the community as a unit materially benefited.

BOUND OVER FOR PERJURY.

In Justice Shannon's court Monday A. C. Brady had an examining hearing on charges of perjury and was bound over to district court. Bond was fixed at \$500, which defendant had failed to make at the time this was written. In making his schedule as bondsman he was charged with scheduling property he did not own.

CHICKEN LOSSES FROM RAIN.

Many farmers' wives have lost a good many chickens this year from hail or rain, but there will be enough left to help on the grocery bill next winter. While considered as a side line, poultry comes very nearly being the main dependence on many an Oklahoma farm.

TROOPS PASSING THROUGH DURANT

Twenty-two Train Loads Delivered to Katy at St. Louis Wednesday Night Other Trains Sidetracked.

Twenty-two train loads of United States soldiers and their equipment being hurried to the Mexican border, were delivered to the Katy Railway at St. Louis Wednesday afternoon and were expected to pass through Durant some time Thursday afternoon or evening. The Katy handled the business of the Government without a slip, and gave them the right-of-way over all other trains, not excepting the fine new Texas Special. Unusually fast time is being made and there will not be a stop, save for operating reasons between terminal and terminal.

We buy sour cream and sweet cream. Call Durant Ice Cream Co. for information.

FIVE CARS DEMOLISHED.

Tuesday afternoon about 1:30 o'clock five flat cars loaded with crushed stone on the M. O. & G. jumped the track at the crossing near the Durant Cotton Oil Company and three of them were virtually demolished.

All five cars were more or less torn up, with three of them being badly splintered. Some of the cars were on one side of the track and some on the other, and three of them were torn completely loose from their trucks.

The wreck was caused by a broken wheel-flange and when the cars left the track, crushed stone was spilled all over the road bed. Besides damaging the cars, six or seven rail lengths of track was badly torn up. No one was injured in the wreck, and the track was cleared in about four hours.

The train was a work train and the stone was for use in ballasting the track.

Don't churn your cream. Bring it to the Durant Ice Cream Company.

A MEXICAN WAR MAY BE AVERTED

Carranza Yields to U. S. Demands and Releases Prisoners. Troops Rushed to Border. Troop Trains Through Durant.

Thursday dispatches regarding the Mexican situation were a relief to the U. S. Government. Carranza late Wednesday night ordered the release of the 24 American troops held prisoners in Mexico, thus acceding to the demands of President Wilson. This action was opposed by General Trevino of the Mexican army, who only yielded to the demands of his superior after pressure had been exerted.

The Government nevertheless has gone ahead and prepared for any emergency. Troops have been massed on the border. Twenty-two train loads of them passed through Durant on the Katy, all other trains being side tracked that no time would be lost.

The Government has provided hundreds of motor trucks for the transportation of men and munitions and will not rely on the Mexican railroad lines in event of invasion.

Troop movements will not be affected by the action of the Mexicans, and orders in that regard are being fully carried out.

Did not Carranza complied with the American demand by midnight, American forces would have rushed across the border by the thousands and rescued them by force, which would have been the signal that the war was on. The Mexican consul at El Paso expressed the confidence that war may be averted.

Between thirty and forty Mexicans were taken to the army camp at Colonia Dublin Monday in motor trucks. Details are lacking, but it is believed they were captured after a skirmish between U. S. troops and Mexicans.

Reports have it that many ex-supporters of the Huerta Government have offered their services to Carranza and that he has accepted and given them command of troops.

Near Hachita, N. M., Monday an were murdered by Mexican bandits, just over the border into Mexico. The murderers are being pursued by cavalry and a posse of civilians.

The United States consulate at Torreon was destroyed and burned by Carrancistas on the 18th, according to refugees who arrived in Texas Monday.

Carranza took full responsibility for the Carrizal incident and as good as defied the United States to do her worst.

In the State of Chihuahua, as fast as American troops evacuate a position in moving toward the border the places would be quickly filled with Mexican forces.

Mexicans Monday seized the English owned railroad from Juarez to Madera and plan to operate the line to prevent supplies reaching the American force in event of invasion.

An embargo on all goods into Mexico is being planned by the Government.

Captain Morey, one of the few who escaped alive from the Carrizal massacre, says that the American forces were lured into a trap and literally cut to pieces. He says that he never saw such bravery as that displayed by Captain Charles T. Boyd, who was hacked to pieces while attempting to replenish his supply of ammunition. He led a small force of dismounted cavalrymen to the attack in the face of a fierce machine gun fire. Capt. Morey says that the negro soldiers showed remarkable fortitude and sang coon songs and joked each other in the face of certain death.

CIVIL CASES DISTRICT COURT.

The following new civil cases have been filed in the district court the past week:

Indian Territory Building & Loan Association vs. A. P. Blackwell, Linnie Blackwell, J. D. Stowers and Dave Underwood, debt and foreclosure of mortgage. Hatchett & Ferguson, attorneys for plaintiff.

Curtis, Booth & Bentley Company vs. H. C. Clark, debt and verified account. Hatchett & Ferguson attorneys for plaintiff.

Chas. E. Schaff, receiver of the M. K. & T. Ry. Co., vs. W. M. Rozell, debt on contract.

M. R. Hill vs. R. R. Hill, separate maintenance and alimony. W. B. Stone, attorney for plaintiff.

H. V. Wheeler vs. W. C. Hatchett, Susan Hatchett, Lingo Lueper Co., Enterprise Butcher Supply Co., First National Bank of Boswell, W. O. Womack, C. A. Bilbo, International Shoe Co., Bradley Metcalf, Caddo National Bank, Sanger Bros. and Parla Grocery Co., debt and foreclosure of mortgage.

A. G. Hancock vs. receivers of the St. Louis & San Francisco Ry., damages. Utterback & MacDonald, attorneys for plaintiff.

DEPOT BANQUET A SWELL AFFAIR

Railroad Men and Citizens Bury the HATCHETT and Express Mutual Good Will Over the Banquet Board

If the feeling of mutual good will really existed between the railroads and the people in measure as great as was expressed at the banquet in celebration of Durant's new union depot Wednesday night, corporation commissions, interstate commerce boards and kindred institutions would find themselves out of jobs, for the people and the corporations would "jest natchally" get together and arrange their difficulties without need of any middlemen.

The banquet was served by the ladies of the Presbyterian Church and was done proud in five well selected courses, the final one being cigars (real ones) and coffee. During the course of the supper orchestra music was provided by a selected list of musicians from the local schools, and several vocal solos were sung by Prof. Battenberg of Atoka.

Following the eats, Porter Newman, president of the chamber of commerce, took the floor and in well chosen words announced the toastmaster of the evening, Attorney V. B. Hayes, who, in his usual able manner, introduced the speakers in turn.

R. E. Powers, past president of the chamber of commerce, told of the fight that it took to get an understanding with the railroads about a depot. He bespoke the feeling of mutual interest that just such things as banquets enhances, and told of his dream of the Durant of the future.

Z. J. Hopkins, special representative of the M. K. & T., responded for General Manager Williams, who was detained from being present by unusual duties brought about by the Government's troop mobilization plans. Mr. Hopkins showed where the interest of the railroad and the community are identical and that one cannot be harmed without injury to the other. He dwelt at length on the finely interwoven relation of the railroad lines to Government, and as an example cited the rapidity with which twenty-two train loads of U. S. troops were, right while he spoke, being hurried to Mexico.

Mr. Gengenbach, publicity agent for the Frisco, was then called upon, and in a clever manner praised Durant, the surrounding country, its people and its institutions, and placed the stamp of approval on what had been said by Mr. Hopkins.

Next was Hon. George A. Henshaw of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission, before whom most of Durant's depot troubles were heard. Mr. Henshaw's remarks were defense or rather exploitation of the work of the commission, and many present have as a result changed their opinions regarding this branch of our State Government.

R. W. Hocks, y, the Katy's immigration agent, then told of the Katy's effort to help build up Southeastern Oklahoma through immigration and colonization, and alluded to Bryan County as one of the most fertile garden spots on top of the earth. He showed where the interests of the railroads in a community are parallel with those of the people themselves. Better country and more business makes more money for the people and more tonnage for the railroads.

At this juncture letters were read from Governor Williams and General Manager Williams of the Katy, in which both gentlemen expressed sincere regret at their enforced absence from the affair and both wished the community every success and advancement.

Clifford E. Jackson, general attorney for the M. K. & T., then told briefly of the relation of the railroads to the public through its legal department, ticket agents and train conductors. His remarks were illuminating and instructive.

Judge Aldredge of Detroit, general attorney for the Northern Assurance Company of Michigan, was then called upon extemporaneously for his impressions of the country, and in a delightful way told how greatly the country has impressed him and prophesied great things for this part of Oklahoma.

Last on the program was B. A. McKinney, vice-president of the Durant National Bank, whose remarks had the effect of cementing together in one whole all the expressions of mutual regard and good will that had gone before. He touched on the matter of the two-cent fare cases, and expressed the wish that the rate might be so established as to pay a reasonable return on vested interest and be fair alike to the public.

At the end of the program a telegram was read, which stated that Carranza had agreed to release American prisoners held in Mexico, as

SELL INDIAN ASPHALT LANDS

Indian Committee Makes Important Report. Important to Tribal Members and the Public.

In congress Wednesday afternoon the house committee on Indian affairs reported favorably on the bill authorizing the immediate sale of the segregated coal and asphalt lands belonging to the members of the five civilized tribes of Indians. The committee also approved the Hastings bill, vesting the superintendent at Muskogee with the jurisdiction of individual Indian matters of the five civilized tribes, and allowing an appeal to the secretary of the interior by any aggrieved party. Murray's bill for the withdrawal of the Creek unallotted oil lands was recommended.

The question of selling these lands, both the surface and mineral deposits, has been before congress for years, but until now no action that looked like a sale has been the result. It is believed by many men familiar with conditions that the sale of all these lands will benefit the tribal members, as well as the general public.

HUMBURG CIRCUS POSTPONED.

The Humburg Circus, which was to have been staged Tuesday evening by the local order of Elks, has been postponed indefinitely. This was decided upon when, on Monday afternoon the big tent, which had been erected on the old base ball grounds was blown down and almost to pieces, and it was found to be impossible to get a new tent here in time to give the show this week, hence the postponement. Those who have purchased tickets will have their money refunded.

The calling off of the Humburg Circus will be a distinct disappointment to a great many people who had bought tickets, and were preparing for a real genuine honest-to-goodness good time.

ASKS \$20,000 FROM RAILWAY

A. G. Hancock Alleges Lost a Foot Through the Negligence of the Company. Fell From Moving Train.

In a case filed in district court this week by Utterback & MacDonald, attorneys, A. G. Hancock asks damages in the sum of \$20,250 from the receivers of the St. Louis & San Francisco Railway for personal injuries alleged to have been received while he was a passenger on train of the defendants.

The petition recites that on the 26th day of September, 1913, plaintiff took passage on the Frisco east-bound train for the station of Blue. He says he seated himself in the smoking car, and that during the trip it became necessary for him to have a drink of water; that he went to the water cooler in the end of the coach, but there was no water in it; that he then started to the next coach to therein, when he slipped on a banana, orange or apple peel, or some other foreign substance in the aisle, and was thrown violently forward, striking his head and shoulders against the hand holds of the platform, and rolled or fell off the platform and onto the track, where his left foot was crushed off by the wheels of the train. Petition recites in detail the expense plaintiff has incurred by reason of the accident, as well as the wages he is expected to lose by reason of being incapacitated from work, and asks judgment for \$20,250.

SMITH JOINS AVIATION CORPS.

Art Smith, the famous American aviator who made a big reputation at both the Panama-Pacific exposition and the Dallas, Texas, State fair, is expected to return from Japan at once and join the American aviation corps for duty in Mexico. Smith left the United States some months ago for Japan and has been country since.

When a novice Smith flew at the Bryan County fair and has many friends here.

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WE, like most merchants have enjoyed a very fine clothing business this season. Consequently have accumulated quite a few odds and ends in our clothing. In order to clean them out as soon as possible we have decided to make **SOME VERY LOW PRICES**, for so early in the season.

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LOT NO. 2. Boys' serviceable Wash Suits, made of Galleter Cloth in good wash fabrics, age from 3 to 8, former price 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25; to close out.....48c

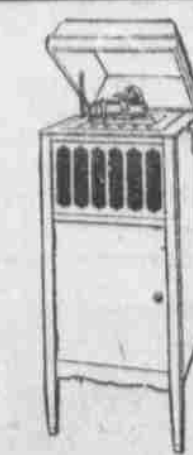
LOT NO. 3. Ladies' and girls' pretty Middy Blouses, sizes from 14 to 20 and from 36 to 44, price was 50c and 75c; to close out each.....39c

LOT NO. 4. Girls' pretty Dresses made of the best Gingham and Percale, age from 2 to 6 and from 6 to 14; former price 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50; to close out.....45c, 75c, 95c

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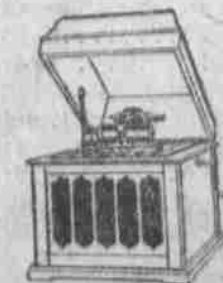


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